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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: TSUNAMI: 02.09-21

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1. AT AUGUST 13 MEETING WITH CHIRCHENKO AND SIPAKOV OF HYDROMET, SCIOFF RECEIVED LETTER DATED AUGUST 10 FROM CHIRCHENKO TO BROWN CONCERNING PROJECT 02.09-21, TSUNAMI. ORIGINAL OF LETTER POUCHED TO BROWN, REGISTRY NUMBER 3584997. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR BILL: I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SUGGESTED SCHEDULING FOR THE VISIT OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO PRINCETON ON PROJECT 02.08-11 (NOVEMBER 14-21) IS COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE TO US. CONCERNING THE OCTOBER MEETING OF WORKING GROUP 02.08 IN PRINCETON, PROFESSOR BORISENKOV WILL SOON COMPLETE HIS CONVALESCENCE AT THE SANATORIUM, WHERE HE HAS BEEN SINCE HE LEFT HOSPITAL, AND WILL INFORM DR. EPSTEIN OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION. THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE ABOUT 8-9 PERSONS AND I HOPE THAT PROFESSOR BORISENKOV WILL BE ABLE TO HEAD IT HIMSELF.

3. I ASK THAT YOU INFORM DR. B. THOMPSON, LEADER OF PROJECT 02.09-21, THAT DR. POPOV IS NOW PREPARING THE PROGRAM FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION OF EXPERTS ON SIMULTANEOUS WARNING SYSTEMS ON TSUNAMI. WE PLAN TO MEET THE AMERICAN

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DELEGATION UPON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 17, TO HOLD A

MEETING AT HYDROMET WITH DR. POPOV ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND BEGIN THE MEETING IN NOVOSIBIRSK ON SEPTEMBER 22. WE WILL SEND YOU A MORE DETAILED ITINERARY IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS SINCE IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW MANY MEMBERS THERE WILL BE IN THE U.S. DELEGATION, IN ADDITION TO K. IOGANESSEN (SIC) AND G. MILLER. WITH REGARDS, I. CHIRCHENKO. END QUOTE.

4. SCIOFF PROVIDED CHIRCHENKO WITH TEXT OF THOMPSON LETTER TO POPOV, PER STATE 201003, WHICH ANSWERS, IN PART, QUESTIONS RAISED IN CHIRCHENKO LETTER, AND CORRECTS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED ERRONEOUS FLIGHT INFORMATION. HOWEVER, CHIRCHENKO WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT U.S. DELEGATION WILL NUMBER ONLY THREE MEMBERS, AS JOINT COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM PROVIDED FOR FOUR-MEMBER USDEL. PLEASE ADVISE. STOESSEL

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